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#### **Office Hours & Staff**

Tuesday-Friday 9am-2pm Daniel: Tues, Thurs-Fri, 9:30am-2:30pm Ring the doorbell at the glass doors!

#### Red Brick E-News Sign Up

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## Within the Community...

## Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is seeking a Fundraising & Communications Manager.

This is a permanent, half-time, hybrid position in Kitchener. If you would like to inspire and engage SLMC's generous community, read more at slmc.ca/about/board-of-directors and apply soon!

Looking Ahead...
Next Week
Sunday December 22 at 10am
Fourth Advent Worship Service
Red Brick Kids
Candlelight Service 7pm

# In Two Weeks Sunday December 29 at 10am

Worship Service Red Brick Kids



<u>Click here</u> to watch the Live Stream. <u>Click here</u> to watch archived videos during the week.

Welcome! We are so glad that you have chosen to attend Niagara UM today! If you have any questions or would like to learn about what happens on a Sunday morning please visit the Welcome Centre desk in the foyer or ask an usher.

# December 15, 2024 Third Advent Worship Service at 10:00am

Welcome Joachim Dau

Worship in Song Ladies Choir

RBK Christmas Presentation Donna Epp-Froese

**Community Prayer** 

Scripture Reading Luke 3:7-18 Debbie Fast

Message "Let every heart prepare Him room" Pastor Daniel

Closing Song

Sending Blessing

If it is your desire to support work of the church, donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Centre.

### Within Red Brick Church...

#### **Newark Neighbours Food Drive Ends Today!**

Today is the final day of our food drive. A big thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered their time to make this a success!

#### **Pleasant Manor Carol Stroll Tonight!**

Last year we were rained out, so we are eager to visit Pleasant Manor this year! From strollers to seasoned singers, everyone is invited to join us for our carol sing around the grounds of Pleasant Manor on Sunday December 15th at 5:00pm. We will meet in the Creekview parking lot. If you have family or friends at Pleasant Manor, remind them to keep an eye out their windows around 5:00 to enjoy the singing!

#### **Desserts and Snacks for Candlelight Service Social**

After the Candlelight Service (Sunday December 22nd at 7pm) we will have a casual reception in the foyer for all concert-goers. We are looking for bakers to provide small, handheld (ie. no utensils required) **nut-free** treats that are ready to serve. If you are able to contribute, please bring your treats to the coffee centre on Sunday December 22nd either to the morning service, or when you arrive in the evening for Candlelight. We appreciate your help in showing warm hospitality to the visitors who will be here for the concert!

# Church Directory and Phone Book Changes due Tomorrow!

Please have any contact information changes into the church office by December 16, 2024. Please contact Julie by phone 905-468-3313, or email: office@redbrickchurch.ca.

#### **Inclement Weather Emails**

As we enter the season of blustery weather, remember that you can opt in to our inclement weather email notifications to receive an email if the church is closed on a Sunday morning. Sign up here: https://shorturl.at/jZVbm

#### **Christmas Day Pick Up Choir**

On Wednesday December 25th all singers are invited to join the pick up choir. Practice at 9:30 am in the choir loft, service at 10am.

#### **Niagara Life Centre Christmas Newsletter**

Copies of the Niagara Life Centre Christmas Newsletter are available at the Welcome Centre.

#### **Prayer Time December 17!**

On Tuesday December 17 from 6-7pm please join us for prayer time in the Youth Room. All are welcome!

#### Women in Service Christmas Break

The Quilting Group had their Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 10th and is now on their Christmas break. They will resume again on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025. Thanks to all who helped sew 110 blankets this Fall, and welcome to new members in the new year.

#### **AGM Reports Due January 15, 2025**

It is that time of year again! Time to start writing your AGM reports. Please submit your reports to the church office by no later than January 15, 2025. Word documents or PDFs are preferred. If you have any questions please contact Julie in the church office at 905-468-3313 or office@redbrickchurch.ca.

#### **Church Board Elections & Program Volunteers**

NUMC is looking for new members to serve in various positions on our Church Board as well as other volunteer positions. Further information will be in the bulletin in the coming weeks. Please consider these opportunities to become involved in the life of the church. The 2025 Church Board and other positions will be approved at our Annual General Meeting in February. Thank you

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#### Financial Update as of November 30, 2024

At the 2024 Annual General Meeting, the church membership approved a 2024 expense budget of \$363,800. To continue and support all our church programs, from Sunday morning Worship Services, Red Brick Kids, caregiving, outside ministry, and many more activities, we require weekly donations/receipts of \$6,996 to meet these obligations.

As of November 30, 2024, we have received a total of \$270,307 or \$5,751 per week.

Thank you to all that have made contributions this year to date. We ask that you check in to your account online to view your 2024 year to date giving. Alternatively, you can call the office, and Julie will provide a hard copy. If there are any issues or discrepancies let Julie know.

Please remember that donations must be received by December 31, to be counted for 2024.

#### Anabaptism at 500

During the months of Jan-Feb 2025, we will be marking 500 years since the beginning of the Anabaptist movement with some special services, guests, music, and Adult Sunday School classes after the service. Stay tuned for more details.

## Within the Community...

**Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Winter and Spring Retreats** registration now open. Go to slmc.ca/retreats for more info. Coming up soon are:

**Fathers & Kids Retreat (Jan 17-19)** – A weekend of snow fort building, snowshoeing through the woods, roasting smores over the campfire, and playing games in the dining hall! Dads enjoy free-time Saturday morning while staff provide programming with kids.

Women's Retreat (Jan 31-Feb 2) - Come, experience the beauty of camp in winter. Be nourished by the relaxed pace, good food and meaningful conversation. Play in the snow, breathe deeply in yoga, cross country ski, go on a snowshoe hike through the woods. Reflection time led by Wendy Janzen.